

# Romans 8:34

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.

## Analysis

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**Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again** (Tís ho katakrinōn? Christòs ho apothanón, mâllon dè egerthéis)—Katakrinō ("condemn") means pronounce guilty, sentence to punishment. Who can condemn? Christ Himself is the answer—but He died to remove condemnation! Apothanón (aorist: "died") emphasizes the completed sacrifice. Mâllon dè ("yea rather") adds climactic emphasis: egerthéis ("risen")—the resurrection vindicates Christ's sacrifice as accepted by God (Romans 4:25; 1 Corinthians 15:17).

**Who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us** (hos kaì estin en dexiâ toû theoû, hòs kaì entugchánei hypèr hēmōn)—Christ's present session "at God's right hand" (Psalm 110:1; Acts 2:33; Hebrews 1:3) indicates sovereignty and finished work. Yet He entugchánei ("makes intercession")—ongoing priestly advocacy (Hebrews 7:25; 1 John 2:1). Christ who died, rose, and reigns now represents believers before the Father. How can we be condemned when our Judge is our Advocate?

## Historical Context

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Christ's heavenly intercession was crucial in Reformation debates over assurance. Roman Catholic theology emphasized Mary and saints as intercessors; Protestantism affirmed Christ as sole Mediator (1 Timothy 2:5). His intercession

isn't begging an unwilling Father but presenting His finished work as basis for the Father's blessing.

## Related Passages

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**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

## Study Questions

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1. How does Christ's death, resurrection, and heavenly intercession provide triple assurance against condemnation?
2. What is Christ interceding for—what does His priestly advocacy involve?
3. How does knowing Christ (your Judge) is your Advocate change how you approach God with sin and failure?

## Interlinear Text

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τίς	ὁ	κατακρίνων;	Χριστὸς	ὁ	ἀποθανών	μᾶλλον		
Who	G3588	is he that condemneth	It is Christ	G3588	that died	rather		
G5101		G2632	G5547		G599	G3123		
δὲ	καὶ	ἐγερθεὶς	ὃς	καὶ	ἐστίν	ἐν	δεξιᾷ	τοῦ
yea	also	that is risen again	who	also	is	at	the right hand	G3588
G1161	G2532	G1453	G3739	G2532	G2076	G1722	G1188	
θεοῦ	ὃς	καὶ	ἐντυγχάνει	ὑπὲρ	ἡμῶν			
of God	who	also	maketh intercession	for	us			
G2316	G3739	G2532	G1793	G5228	G2257			

## Additional Cross-References

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**Hebrews 7:25** (References God): Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.

**Romans 8:27** (References God): And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

**Hebrews 9:24** (References Christ): For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us:

**1 Peter 3:22** (References God): Who is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God; angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him.

**Mark 16:19** (References God): So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God.

**Romans 8:1** (References Christ): There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

**Colossians 3:1** (Resurrection): If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.

**Isaiah 53:12** (Parallel theme): Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

**Psalms 109:31** (Parallel theme): For he shall stand at the right hand of the poor, to save him from those that condemn his soul.

**Revelation 1:18** (Parallel theme): I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.